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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An adjustable socket comprising:
a driver rotatable around a longitudinal axis and having a first end;
a polygonal recess disposed in said first end of said driver;
a second recess adjacent said polygonal recess; and
a stopper disposed in said second recess, said stopper being adjustable so as to extend from said second recess at any of a range of different distances into said polygonal recess;
wherein said stopper is threaded into said second recess and adjustable into and out of said polygonal recess.
2. (cancelled)
3. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said polygonal recess comprises a hexagonal recess.
4. (currently amended) An adjustable socket comprising:
a driver rotatable around a longitudinal axis and having a first end;
a first recess disposed in said first end of said driver for receiving a fastener to be driven;
a second recess adjacent said first recess; and
a stopper ~~disposes~~ disposed in said second recess and adjustably extending into said first recess;
wherein said second recess is a threaded recess.
5. (original) The socket of claim 4, wherein said stopper comprises a set screw having threads engaging said second recess.
6. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said second recess comprises a diameter smaller than said polygonal recess.

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7. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said polygonal recess and said second recess are coaxial with said longitudinal axis of said driver.
8. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said driver comprises a second end receptive of a wrench lever arm.
9. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said driver comprises a second end receptive of a power tool.
10. (original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said driver comprises stainless steel.
11. (cancelled)
12. (previously presented) An adjustable socket operative to rotatably drive a fastener comprising:
a first recess disposed in said socket receptive of said fastener; and
an adjustable stopper disposed in a second recess of said adjustable socket for limiting penetration of said fastener into said first recess;
wherein said fastener is a nut and said adjustable stopper prevents penetration of said nut into said first recess to no more than a thickness of said nut.
13. (previously presented) An adjustable socket operative to rotatably drive a fastener comprising:
a first recess disposed in said socket receptive of said fastener; and
an adjustable stopper disposed in a second recess of said adjustable socket for limiting penetration of said fastener into said first recess;
wherein said adjustable stopper and said second recess comprise mating threads.
14. (original) The adjustable socket of claim 13, wherein said adjustable stopper is movable longitudinally along said socket in response to relative rotation between said stopper and said socket.

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15-32. (cancelled)

33. (previously presented) An adjustable socket operative to rotatably drive a fastener comprising:
engagement means for engaging said fastener; and
stopper means for limiting penetration of said fastener into said engagement means;
wherein said fastener is a nut and said stopper means are adjusted to prevent penetration of said nut into said engagement means to no more than a thickness of said nut.

34. (currently amended) An adjustable socket operative to rotatably drive a fastener comprising:
engagement means for engaging said fastener; and
stopper means for limiting penetration of said fastener into said engagement means;
wherein said stopper means are adjustable so as to selectively limit penetration of said fastener into said engagement means to any of a plurality of different distances;
wherein said stopper means comprise an adjustable stopper disposed in a recess of said adjustable socket for limiting penetration of said fastener into said engagement means;
and

~~The adjustable socket of claim 32, wherein said adjustable stopper and said recess comprise mating threads.~~

35. (original) The adjustable socket of claim 34, wherein said adjustable stopper is movable longitudinally along said socket in response to relative rotation between said stopper and said socket.

36-43. (cancelled)